

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Tetsujiro Kondo, et al.  
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 18, 2009, Applicants submit this response within the two-month date of February 18, 2009. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.